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Dear CT PHC Testimony,

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and esteemed members of the Public Health Committee:

I write to ask you to strongly support and vote in the affirmative to add bill language for the modernization of the CT Naturopathic physician scope of practice to HB 5537. The language needs to be attached to this bill so it can come before the Public Health Committee for consideration. This Naturopathic scope of practice law is 90 years old and has not kept pace with the significant advances in education and training of Naturopathic doctors in the ensuing decades.

As a patient, I have personally experienced the beneficial impact of a comprehensive approach to health, which in my view involves both allopathic and naturopathic aspects. I really hope you will support and embrace this forward-thinking step toward the betterment of healthcare in our state.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely, Sitwat Shah